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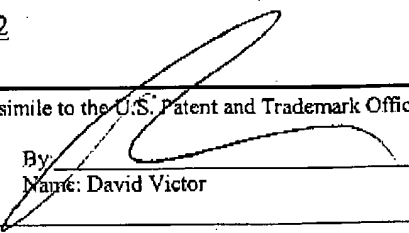
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TITLE: METHOD OF, SYSTEM FOR, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT  
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Dear Sir:

A phone interview is scheduled for August 11, 2004 at 2:00 PM (EST) to discuss the rejection in the above case. Applicants submit this agenda for the scheduled phone interview.

In the non-final Office Action dated April 19, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, and 15-18 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over Xu (U.S. Patent No. 6,324,581) in view of Schmuck (U.S. Patent No. 5,940,841).

Applicants want to discuss why claims 1, 7, and 13 are patentable over the cited art. In particular:

Applicants want to discuss why the cited col. 8, lines 47-59 of Xu does not teach or suggest the claim requirement of determining a subset of the foreign file attributes which are equivalent to a corresponding subset of file attributes of the native file system, the subset of the foreign file attributes hereinafter known as conventional file attributes.

Applicants want to discuss why the cited col. 8 line 65 to col. 9, line 6 of Xu does not teach or suggest the claim requirement of returning the conventional file attributes to the client.

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Applicants want to discuss why the cited col. 10, lines 43-53 of Schmuck does not teach or suggest the claim requirement of storing a remaining subset of the foreign file attributes which are not equivalent to a corresponding subset of file attributes of the native file system, the remaining subset of the foreign file attributes hereinafter known as extended file attributes and the other claim requirements concerning the remaining subject of the foreign file attributes.

If further discussion is needed after discussing the independent claims, Applicants would like to discuss the patentability of certain of the dependent claims. In particular:

Applicants want to discuss why the additional requirements of claims 3, 9, and 15, dependent from claims 1, 7, and 13, are patentable over the cited Xu.

Applicants want to discuss why the additional requirements of claims 4, 10, and 16, dependent from claims 1, 7, and 13, are patentable over the cited Schmuck.

Applicants want to discuss why the additional requirements of claims 6, 12, and 18, dependent from claims 1, 7, and 13, are patentable over the cited Schmuck.

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